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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1723

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

KLAUS MELGAARD ET AL

PHB 34,305

Serial No.: 09/455,664

Group Art Unit: 1723

Filed: DECEMBER 7, 1999

Examiner: M. OCAMPO

Title: REMOVABLE FILTERS AND WATER HEATING VESSELS INCORPORATING SUCH

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 23, 2001,  
please amend the above-identified case under the provisions of 37

C.F.R. 1.116 as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

12: (Amended) A filter for use in a water heating vessel for removing sedimentary material, including scale, from the water, wherein the filter comprises a mesh material provided with a frame and a scale collector, separate from said mesh material and coupled to the frame, said scale collector having a surface to which scale is attracted.